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## Annual Town Meeting

Some 24 ratepayers attended the annual meeting of the taxpayers of Gleichen in the school last Monday evening.

Rev. W. Morrison was appointed chairman of the meeting.

The mayor gave his report of the year's operations and the report of the various committees were read. Also read was the inspector's report.

Elmer Bolinger gave a very interesting report on the financial situation of the hospital district and their program for the present year.

The chairman called for a vote of thanks to R. A. Wilson who is resigning from the council owing to pressure of business, for his valuable work during his lengthy term as member of the council. This met with a hearty response from the ratepayers present.

## Legion W.A. Meet

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion was held in the Legion Hall last Thursday evening with a good attendance.

President Mrs. L. Jones conducted the meeting in the usual manner. The minutes of the last meeting and the financial report were read.

Mrs. Rosa Barrett was initiated and welcomed into the organization.

Past president Mrs. E. Bell was presented with a past president badge by the president, Mrs. Jones. Miss Ethel Bates was presented with a cup and saucer for her services as secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary by the president. Two ladies were reinstated.

Letters were read and one from the Cancer Crusade was dealt with. The Ladies Auxiliary will undertake the collecting for this campaign with Mrs. S. Duncan as convenor.

Mrs. H. Clark's application for membership was voted on and accepted.

Following the March of Dimes the meeting adjourned.

During the past 20 years, significant changes have taken place on the North American continent with respect to farm population. In the U.S.A., for instance, the number of persons living on farms is reported to have declined by close to eight million between 1933 and 1952. Such a decline is far greater than during any similar period in the history of the United States. In Canada the number of persons living on farms has likewise declined, latest census returns showing an overall drop of close to 400,000 during the twenty year period from 1931 to 1951. Here the decrease was most marked in the Maritimes and the prairie provinces where declines occurred of approximately 25 percent and 20 percent respectively. Exceptions to the general trend were the provinces of Quebec and British Columbia where there was actually an increase in the number of persons living on farms. The movement from farms to cities and towns has come about mainly because of technological developments, which have so increased efficiency that it now takes fewer farmers than formerly to produce the same volume of wheat or any other agricultural product. Western farms are larger, on the average, than they were, the number of acres cultivated and cropped tending to be geared to what is considered an economic unit, particularly from the stand point of farm machinery. In Canada there appears little likelihood of a reversal of this trend away from the farm, although in the United States, the 1950 figures include an increasing number of purely residential farms, which now number about 800,000.

Strong opposition to compulsory livestock marketing plans was registered at a joint meeting of livestock producers of the

three prairie provinces at a meeting held recently. Representatives considered such details of the proposed plans and legislation as are available but found that none of the supporters of the proposed marketing plans were unable to show how they would actually function. Although supporters of these plans claim that producer marketing boards will secure the farmer a better price for his livestock and will even fluctuate in price, they have not been able to demonstrate how these objectives will be achieved. The compulsory features of these plans would restrict the traditional freedom of Canadian producers.

They would inevitably add to costs of marketing livestock. Such increase in the price spread must in the end be borne by both the producer and the consumer. Increased prices for meat would tend to lower consumption and restrict the good market livestock products now enjoyed in Canada, they would also make it difficult to dispose of surpluses which would accumulate.

Mrs. Ethel Bates has been confined to the Bassano hospital for the past week suffering from pneumonia.

Mrs. A. Horn who has been in the Bassano hospital for the past couple of weeks is reported to be doing very well and expects to be home shortly.

Frank Corbier is in the Bassano hospital recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Throughout the town and district there are many people confined to their homes suffering from bad colds.

A. W. Gilbert left Tuesday for Vancouver for a holiday and will spend a week or so visiting his brother.

Canadian institutions of higher education report 61,018 students in attendance for the 1954-55 academic year.

## Dan McDonald, Old Timer, Dies

Dan McDonald, the local blacksmith, died Saturday evening in the Holy Cross hospital, Calgary, at the age of 58 years. He had not been in good health for the past year and at the request of his friends entered the hospital about three weeks previous to his death for treatment.

Born in Scotland he came to Gleichen in 1914 to work with the late James Young. After working on the farm for a while he moved to town. In the Old Country he had worked in blacksmith shops and followed that trade in town working in the different shops until finally he went into business for himself which he operated until illness overtook him.

His first sport was soccer football and most can remember when he played in the old days around 1918 with Jack Moss, Scotty The Painter (Davidson), Geo. Bell and many other old time football players. His next and best love was curling and in this he made a name for himself. He joined the Gleichen Curling Club when it first started about the winter of 1919 and has been a member ever since. He took great pleasure in teaching the young folks how to curl. In curling he won the visitors aggregation in Calgary a number of years ago and was always a hard man to beat in every bonspiel he ever entered. In 1950 he was chosen to go with the Alberta team to the big curling doings in Scotland. On his return to town he spent many hours telling the folks about his trip. While over there he had the opportunity to visit his relations and many other people whom Gleichen folks had asked him to call on.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon in the United Church with Rev. W. Morrison conducting the service. The funeral was attended by a very large crowd. Canadian railways moved 156,170,000 tons of freight last year.

Expecting this a public address system was set up so that those who were unable to get into the church could hear. All business places closed from 2 until 4 o'clock. Mr. McDonald was a member of the Gleichen Masonic Lodge and the members of the organization attended the funeral in a body and at the grave side performed the last rites.

The many beautiful floral tributes showed the high esteem in which the deceased was held by his many friends.

Mr. McDonald is survived by one brother, Allen, in Fort William, Scotland; six sisters: Mrs. M. MacLachlan, London, Eng. Mrs. D. MacLeunnan, Bronx, N. Y.; Mrs. Geo. Barthwick, Long Island, New York; Mrs. J. B. Sommerville, Long Island, New York; Mrs. S. Sileva, Perth, Australia; Mrs. MacLachlan, Inverness, Scotland.

Honorary pallbearers were: Donald Hutcheson, David McBean, Art Bremner, Bob Haskeyne, Howard Bowden, Tom Jones, Bob Stabback, George Yule, sr., W. McArthur, Geo. Bell, M.L.A., George Hunter. Active pallbearers: Geo. McBean, Amy Plant, Elmer Bolinger, Tom Brown, Rousche Desjardine and George Souter.

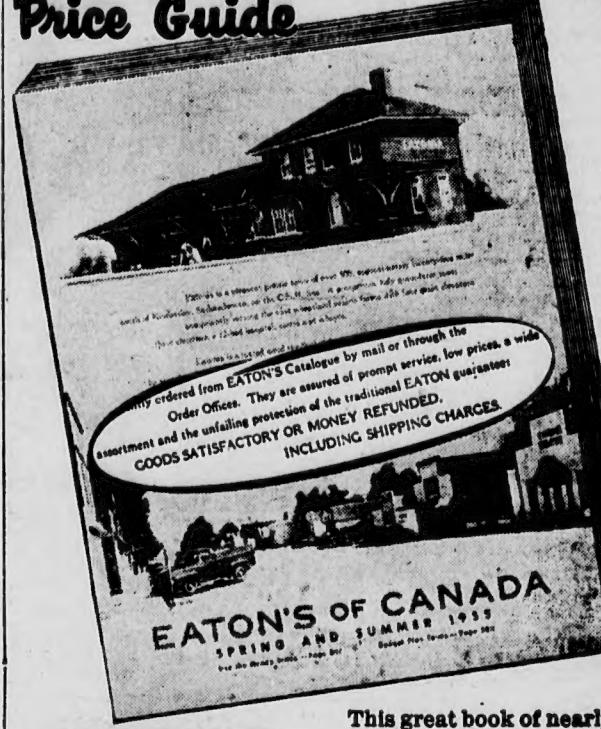
Under Canada's free economy the Little Guy is really the Big Shot since most corporations in Canada are owned by ordinary people (shareholders) with ordinary incomes.

The number of graduate Canadian nurses emigrating to the United States has increased more than four-fold since the end of Second World War. Last year 1,042 nurses moved to the United States.

To boost buying power and investment in home industry German taxes have been reduced so the top tax payable is 55 per cent. In Canada income tax runs up to 88 per cent.

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## Herd maintenance requires purebred cattle production

The production of purebred cattle is important for the maintenance of any beef herd, Henry P. Holzman, associate animal husbandman at the South Dakota State college told Manitoba Cattlemen. The purebred breeder is the custodian of his breed, and should support it to the point where he will not sell an inferior animal, the speaker stated.

Mr. Holzman, who was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Cattle Breeders' Association of Manitoba, said a beef producer might find it hard to live up to these high ideals, but could soon establish an enviable reputation by so doing.

Some method of gauging cattle production was needed, the speaker pointed out. He described a method gaining in popularity in South Dakota, where cattle production is tabulated, and controlled through continuing tests during the development period of calves.

By testing completely, scientific workers in the United States have been able to establish a workable method of selection of young calves who will in turn maintain breed standards.

The speaker related results of tests conducted with 11 purebred herds and one commercial herd in South Dakota. He said by maintaining a constant rate of gain in the animals through proper diet, and by selection of only the top

animals for breeding type ratings could be maintained and the herd improved.

Although years of demonstration in the field will be necessary to show that methods and principles developed by research are applicable to practical ranch operations, criticism of the methods can only be made by those unwilling to investigate full results, Mr. Holzman said.

"No one can belittle the contribution made by the show ring in livestock work," Mr. Holzman concluded. "The performance test can only supplement the values developed by the showing, and help to increase these values in the millions of head of livestock which roam our prairies."

## SJA advises best way treat burns

What's your favorite method of treating burns? Do you immediately slap on some greasy substance — butter, vaseline, burn ointment or something similar?

Wrong, says St. John Ambulance. These old-fashioned remedies don't help to any extent in reducing pain—and they greatly complicate the medical treatment of the burned area. There is no effective way of relieving the agonizing pain of a burn except by morphine or some other hypnotic sedative.

Treatment of burns depends on the type, generally speaking, if it's a trivial burn—something you get on the stove or iron—wash it off with an alkaline solution (two teaspoonsfuls of baking soda to one pint of sterile water at body temperature), apply a clean dressing and bandage firmly. If it's a serious burn, first remove or cut away clothing over the burned area but do not attempt to pull off the clothing which is stuck. Cover the burned area with a clean dressing and bandage or fasten it securely. Encourage the injured person to drink large quantities of warm fluids such as water or sweet tea. Place him on a stretcher and get him to a hospital as quickly as possible.

The main objectives of first aid for burns are to prevent infection and to replace the body fluids which are quickly lost into the burned tissue.

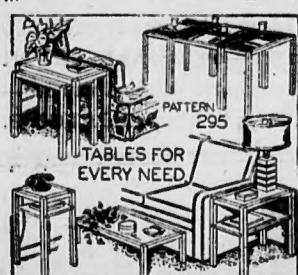
Often tied in with the treatment of burns is the problem of rescuing someone from a fire. If you have to enter a burning building, here are some useful tips: cover your nose and mouth with a wet cloth to keep out the superheated air which might burn your lungs; move about on your hands and knees—the coolest and purest air will always be near the floor; always feel a door before opening it—if it is hot, open very cautiously to avoid being caught in a blast of flame and hot air.

**GREY CUP ON DISPLAY**  
EDMONTON.—The Grey Cup, symbolic of Canadian football supremacy, has been placed on display in the lobby of the CNR's Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton. The Edmonton Eskimos won the cup by defeating Montreal Alouettes 26 to 25 last fall.

**BONUS FOWL**  
NOBLEFORD, Alta.—Two oversized livers were found in an otherwise normal chicken by Mrs. Robert Todd.

Monks were the time keepers of the Middle Ages.

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## Can secure two helpful publications

Two recent publications of the Canada Dept. of Agriculture are now available on request from the Experimental Station at Lethbridge. They have been prepared by the Animal Husbandry Branch of the Station. "Wool Production in Canada" is the title of one, and "The Feeding Value of Damaged Grain" the other.

Dr. S. B. Siers is the author of the first named. From a brief history of wool production in Canada he continues through a description of wool characteristics to methods of harvesting the wool clip and wool marketing. Under characteristics of wool are discussed fineness of wool, length and strength of fibre, crimp, color, felting properties, elasticity, yield and shrinkage. Shearing information provided deals with time, fundamentals and methods of shearing, shearing sheds, and equipment. Included also in the bulletin are suggestions or selection for increased wool production and a useful glossary of common wool terms.

"The Feeding Value of Damaged Grain" was prepared by Dr. Frank Whiting, Animal Nutritionist at the Lethbridge Experimental Station. Dr. Whiting has been able to present feeding experiences covering a wide area. Frozen, rusted, moldy, heated fire-damaged, smutty and ergot-infested grains are discussed and their feeding value for cattle, sheep, swine and poultry assessed. Always useful information, the bringing together of this material should prove more than usually valuable following a season like that of the past.

Both or either of these bulletins may be obtained from the Experimental Station, Lethbridge, Alberta. 3128

## PEGGY



## Manitoba dairy meeting set for Feb. 22

The Manitoba Dairy Association and the Dairy Manufacturers' Association of Manitoba will hold their annual convention in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 22nd to 24th.

The convention will mark the 70th Annual Meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association and will have as its theme "Seventy Years of Progress, 1886-1955".

The meeting will also be the occasion of the 31st annual meeting of the Manitoba Buttermakers' Association, the 29th annual meeting of the Dairy Cattle Breeders Association, the 28th annual meeting of the Manitoba Branch Holstein-Friesian Association, the 21st annual meeting of the Cheese Manufacturers' Association of Manitoba, and the 9th annual meeting of the Manitoba Cheesemakers' Association.

Other groups holding annual meetings during the Convention will be the Manitoba Jersey Breeders' Club, the Manitoba Ayrshire Breeders' Club and the Manitoba Artificial Breeders' Association.

Among the outstanding speakers for the convention are Dr. W. E. Petersen, University of Minnesota; E. B. Kellogg, Secretary of the Milk Industry Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Grant Carlyle, President of the National Dairy Council; D. M. Beattie of the Dairy Products Division, Ottawa; Miss Marie Fraser, Food Editor of the Dairy Foods Service Bureau, Toronto; C. H. P. Killick, Manitoba Dairy Commissioner.

**ARTHROSIS WEAPONS**  
CALGARY.—Rest, adequate diet and early treatment are three of the chief weapons being used in the fight against arthritis, Dr. Ovid O. Meyer of Wisconsin told medical men recently. He said "miracle drugs are not very helpful in treatment of the common types of arthritis."

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## Water rapidly becoming critical natural resource

President Eisenhower's warning that water is rapidly becoming the most critical natural resource of the U.S. points up the habitual shortages of fresh water in many parts.

Water, the lifeblood of all living things, is also the lifeblood of industry. The production of a ton of finished steel, for example, requires 64,000 gallons.

As the U.S. grows, says the National Geographic Society, it gulps down water in ever-increasing quantities. The current demand for public use, industry and irrigation totals an estimated 200 billion gallons a day or 73,000 billion gallons a year.

Falling water tables and squabbles over water rights have plagued the West and Southwest U.S. for years. More recently, lingering droughts have siphoned off wells, ponds and streams in the south. Summertime rationing is becoming common in Eastern cities.

### Problem of distribution

Nature, however, is not rationing rain. The Nation's total rainfall continues to average 30 inches a year: a superabundance of 1,570,000 billion gallons. The basic problem is distribution.

The Herculean task of replenishing water in arid zones or cities where demand is outrunning supply is being approached in several ways: conservation measures such as antipollution and re-use of water, helping nature to increase supplies in areas of scarcity, and conversion of fresh water from the sea. Some methods are old, others new and visionary.

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### WINTER DUCKS

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man.—A flock of more than 200 ducks are wintering in this area, Ralph Bailey, ardent duck hunter, recognized them as mallards. The birds are keeping the odd small potholes open and eating off the few bare stubble spots in the fields.

### DRIVE-INS

REGINA.—Drive-in theatres are becoming a common sight in Saskatchewan, which had 37 at last count. Proprietors like them because they increase movie-going by younger married couples who can take small children with them in the car.



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By JOHN T. KIERAN

YES, Sergeant," Flypaper Haley was saying, "this job was pulled by Joe Tabor, all right. There hasn't been another cracksman in town for a year. Seems like birds like him would have more sense after getting their wings clipped once. He's back, you know, to marry that girl."

"Yes. And it's too bad for her," the old sergeant said. "She's certainly stuck by him, I'll say that. And he repays her by getting in

deeper than ever within a week after he gets out."

"I'll say he's in deeper'n ever. I don't guess he figured on killing old Hagan. Just thought he'd crack the safe and have a lot of money to get married on. He no doubt knew the store'd had a big sale that day."

"Well, I'm sorry for her," commented the other. "After all the disgrace and her sticking by him the two years he was in stir. It kinda looks like he'd get it for good this time."

He and Flypaper — who had gained his nickname by his persistency on the trail of a criminal — went down to Tabor's cell. The young fellow was sitting disconsolately on his bunk. He seemed a decent appearing, average looking fellow. The face he turned to the men was not at all furtive or sly. The girl was there with him, standing outside the cell. Traces of tears were on her face. She looked at the sergeant half in fear, half in appeal, twisting a limp handkerchief between her fingers.

"Well Tabor, you certainly got yourself in good this time, didn't you?" asked the sergeant.

Tabor didn't answer at first. Two years in prison had taught him taciturnity and caution. Then finally he answered. "Sergeant, I admit I had it coming to me two years ago, even if I wasn't in on the actual safe blowing. I got in with that gang before I met this girl, and before I knew it I was doing time for the whole bunch. They deserted me, just let me ride. But when I saw how she stuck to me, I'd avoid even the appearance of evil after I got out."

Too bad you couldn't have stuck to your resolution like she stuck to you."

Tabor had nothing more to say, and in a minute more Flypaper and the sergeant left. The last thing the latter saw was the girl's trying to hold back more tears. "It's a shame, a shame," he muttered. "An attractive girl. The oughta get more out of life than this."

The safe in The Central Clothing Store had been blown late Saturday night. Old Hagan, the merchant policeman, hearing the explosion, had opened the door with his skeleton key and rushed in. A bullet had ended his life. Earlier in the evening Flypaper Haley had seen Tabor swing off a freight, and that was evidence enough for him who did it. And to add what further proof was necessary, Andrews, manager of the clothing store, had quickly identified Tabor as the man who had peered into the window late that night when all but he had left the place.

The sergeant walked down to The Central just as Andrews was unlocking the door. "Hard luck," he greeted the slender, pleasant young man. "But we might still be able to get that money back for you."

"I hope so!" Andrews replied fervently. "Else it'll probably be the gate for me as manager. I had no business to leave that much money in the safe. But we were so busy with the sale about three o'clock that I forgot to go to the bank."

"About what time did it happen?"

"Oh—well, it was after midnight, anyhow."

"That would have given Tabor plenty of time to have done it after he hit town."

"Yes. It wasn't done any earlier than that. And Tabor's the man I saw peering into the window. I recognized him again the minute Haley took me to see him."

"I take it that you were here until about twelve, then?"

"Yes. And the lateness was why Tabor took so little pains to conceal himself when he looked in, I guess. Probably thought everyone was gone." He paused. "But I happened to have quite a bit of work to do, getting ready for Monday's trade, taking the sale tags off of everything left from the sale and all that."

They went over to the shattered safe. The sergeant examined some of the charred pieces of clothing that had been piled over and in front of the safe to muffle the explosion. "Set smoldering when the soup went off, I see." He paused. "It was bad enough for him to do this without killing Old Hagan."

He straightened up. "Let's go over to the jail. Maybe two of us can make him talk. I've got something here that may throw some light on the affair."

In a few minutes they were in his office. Flypaper had his feet cocked on the desk, and the sergeant sat down, putting his up on the other side. Rolling a cigar around in his mouth he regarded his fellow officer with a triumphant

## Funny and Otherwise

A vicar was taking one of the young men of his parish to task.

"Tom," he said, gravely, "I hear that you have been raising false hopes in several maiden hearts. Rumour says that you're engaged to one girl in this village, to another in Little Mudford, and to a third in Ditchley. How can you do such a thing?"

With an uneasy grin Tom replied: "Well, sir, I've got a motor-bike."

A speaker was lecturing on forest preservation. "How many of you," he asked, "have done anything to conserve our forest resources?"

Silence ruled for several seconds, then a meek voice from the rear of the hall answered, "I once shot a wood-pecker."

An old lady went to the post office to mail a package, and fearing she didn't put on the right amount of stamps, asked the clerk to weigh it.

After weighing it, the clerk told her she had used too many.

"Oh, good heavens," she said, "I do hope it won't go too far."

Zoo Visitor: "Does the giraffe get a sore throat if he gets wet feet?"

Keeper: "Yes, but not for a week after."

Pat, a truck driver, stopped suddenly on the highway. The car behind him crashed into the rear of the truck and its owner sued the Irishman.

"Why didn't you hold out your hand," the judge asked.

"Well," replied Pat, "if he couldn't see the truck, how could he have seen my hand?"

Willie Smith was destined to be a great violinist — at least, so thought Mrs. Smith. But one evening while Willie was practising on his fiddle, Mrs. Smith got a bit of a shock. Her husband stamped in from the garden and glared fiercely at his son.

"Why the dickens didn't you tell me that Willie was going to practise on his violin tonight?" he demanded. "I've just spent half an hour oiling the gate!"

Andrews took the one extra chair.

"Andrews," the sergeant asked, "You say you stayed in the store until after quitting time to take the sale tags off the left-overs, so no one could claim them at the sale price Monday morning?"

"Exactly. If I hadn't—"

"Well," the officer broke in irrelevantly, "I lied to you just a little. I wanted to get you to jail, peaceful like."

"What do you mean?" Andrews rose in anger from his chair.

"Careful now! Next time you try to shift robbery and murder onto an innocent man, be sure you don't tell a false story why you hung around the scene of crime. You hadn't meant to say anything about that. But you had to when I asked how you happened to be there late enough to see Tabor. But listen! You yourself blew the safe so's the robbery would look like an outside job. And all those pieces of clothing you piled around it still had sale tags on 'em!"

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GOOD FURNITURE

REGINA. — Fred Furby has filled his home with fine pieces of furniture made by himself. His proudest achievement is a grandfather clock, for which he imported the clockworks from England.

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These are some of the reasons why the Red Cross is a good neighbor to all those in need.

## Newfoundland club member wins National 4-H essay competition

Miss Shirley Brown, Newfoundland and Harvey Kingdon, Manitoba, stood first and second in the annual national 4-H essay competition sponsored by the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs and open to the 116 provincial winners who attended the 1954 National 4-H Club Week. The contestants wrote about their impressions of the trip. Books will be awarded by the council as prizes.

This is the first time that a 4-H member from Newfoundland has won the essay competition. Miss Brown has been enrolled in local garden and clothing clubs for the past four years and has won several achievement awards. In addition, she was named to represent Newfoundland on the 1954 National 4-H Council.

The following is a list of the ten top ranking essays, followed by the essay submitted by Miss Brown:

Shirley L. Brown, Musgraveton-Bonavista Bay Clothing Club, Nfld.; Harvey Kingdon, Binscarth Poultry Club, Man.; Eileen Klebaum, Abbottsford 4-H Poultry Club; Diane Snyder, Winterbourne Food Club, Ont.; Lois Smith, Chilliwack 4-H Clothing Club, B.C.; Elaine Flock, Eastman 4-H Food Club, Sask.; Helen Fringer, Ridgeview 4-H Clothing Club, Alta.; Barbara Andrews, Chilliwack 4-H Clothing Club, B.C.; Paddy Conroy, Abbottsford 4-H Poultry Club, B.C.; Jean Webb, Economy Foods Club, Nova Scotia.

Winning essay

I was very glad, after the elimination contests were held in our province, to learn that I had won the trip to National 4-H Club Week in Toronto. All during the year I had worked hard to complete my 4-H project requirements and to take an active part in all club activities.

One of the chief benefits of my

trip to National Club Week, I think, was the opportunity of meeting and exchanging ideas with fellow 4-H club members all across Canada. The conducted bus tour of Toronto, which started off the week's activities, was a fine idea because it gave us an opportunity to actually see the city which was to be our headquarters for the week.

The Friendship Party held after the national competitions were over was very enjoyable. It was thrilling for me to watch television for the first time. Our visit to the University of Toronto was one of the most profitable of the week's activities. From the talk by Dr. Sidney Smith, and the group discussion which followed, I realized the serious side of the week's program. Meeting, and listening to talks by various prominent people across the Dominion was most informative.

Visiting Niagara Falls, Hamilton, Ottawa, the parliament buildings, seeing a professional hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens and the Horse Show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair was most interesting. The luncheon at Canada Packers, the buffet supper at the Royal York Hotel, dinner at the Brant Inn and especially the entertainment which followed was very enjoyable. It was inter-

esting to attend a service at the Metropolitan United church.

The highlight of the week for me was the visit to the Royal Winter Fair. By living on a small farm, that visit made me realize the important role that agriculture plays in the life of Canada.

The program which the 4-H club delegates staged at the annual banquet entitled, "Learning by Doing" was a grand idea. It gave the representatives of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs who attended, a representative sample of what the 4-H club members do at the local level during the year.

All the 4-H club delegates who attended national week should be very grateful to the various departments of agriculture, the large number of business companies and all, who through their financial support, help and co-operation made our national week possible.

Through my trip to the 1954 National 4-H Club Week, I have gained a much broader view of the country in which I live. I have been inspired to do all I can to interest others in, and develop the 4-H movement in my province as well as to help improve rural living and to become a better national and international citizen. National 4-H Club Week has been the most memorable, enjoyable and educational one of my life.

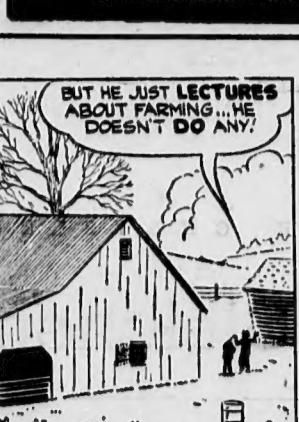
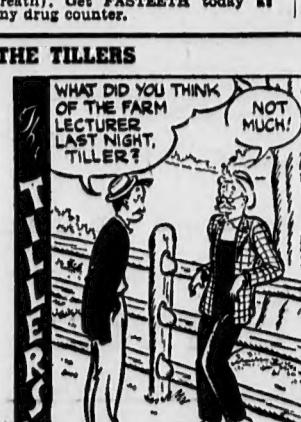
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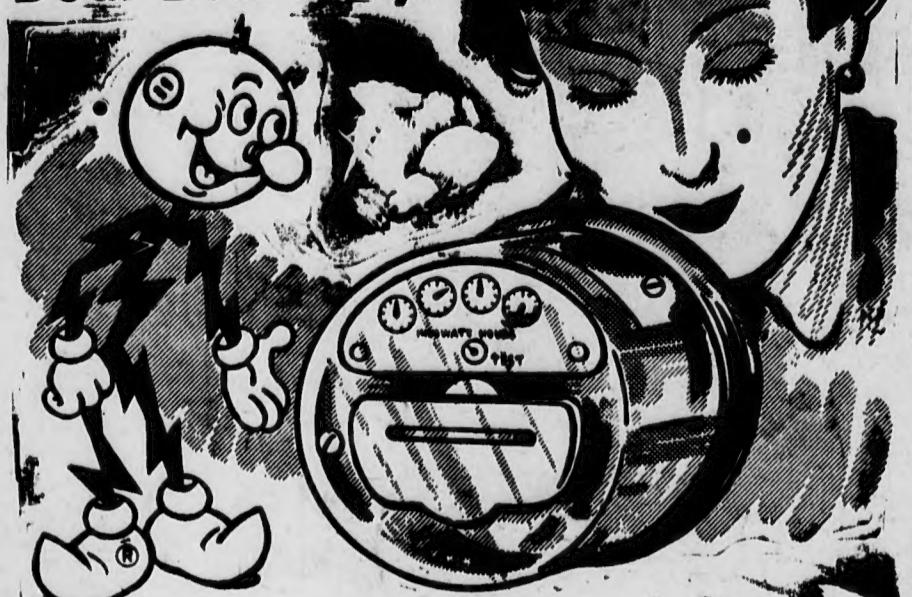
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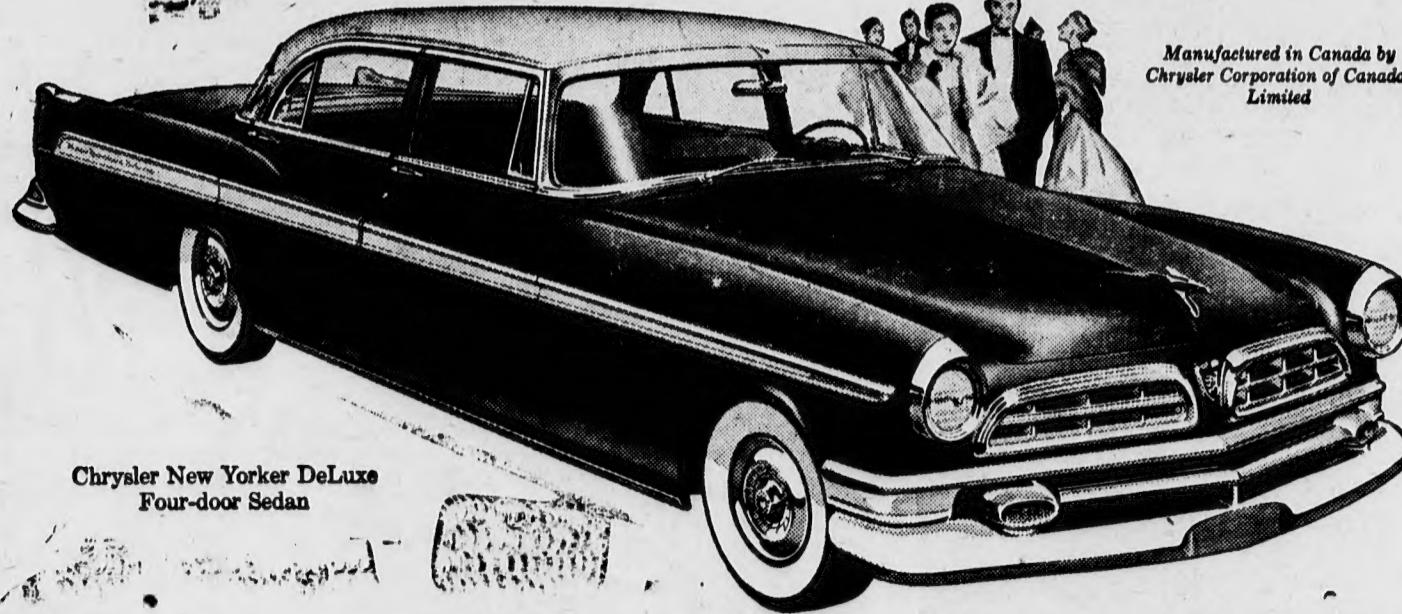
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### SOIL COMPACTION — A SERIOUS PROBLEM

Soil Compaction is a new name given to the old problem of "hard pan" or "plow sole". As compacted soil may form where plowing is not practised, and where a true "hard pan" does not occur, the new name seems well chosen.

**Compacted Soil Common.** In many areas of Western Canada farmers speak of "hard pan" or "plow sole". They refer to a hard, compacted layer of soil which occurs just below the depth of cultivation and may be several inches thick. This condition usually occurs in land that has grown cereal crops almost exclusively for many years. There are several factors which contribute to this condition. First of all, the fibre and organic matter in the soil have been largely destroyed through repeated cultivation and cropping and puddle erosion has filled the natural open spaces in the soil with fine soil particles. In addition, on the heavier soils particularly, heavy machinery travelling over the land while the subsoil is wet, has had a tendency to compact the sub-tillage layer.

**A Serious Problem.** Compacted soil is a serious problem. It will not absorb or hold moisture properly and aeration is reduced. The result are increased water erosion and reduced crop yields.

Tillage at depths up to 24 inches has been tested in the United States in an attempt to break up compacted soil. In many instances yield increases did not pay for the extra cost of deep tillage. In other cases the benefits were only temporary. The same is true of the limited amount of experimental work with deep tillage done in Western Canada. Until more conclusive results are obtained regarding the value of deep tillage, the economical way of handling the soil compaction problem would seem to be through growing more grass and legume crops.

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## TOWN & DISTRICT

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Geo. E. Bell, M.L.A., left last week for Edmonton to attend the session of the legislature.

The Gleichen Legion held their annual bonspiel last Wednesday afternoon and early evening. After the games they adjourned to their hall where an evening was spent in a sing-song party.

The annual meeting of the Gleichen branch of the Red Cross Society was to have been held one evening last week but it turned out to be a failure since very few turned up. The meeting will be called again in the near future.

The social evening sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion was a great success. Some seventy-five men and women were present and all enjoyed the bounteous and tasty pot-luck supper. After supper dancing and games were indulged in. The games were the cause of much hilarity. The boys are hoping the girls will entertain again soon.

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## Alberta's Department of Agriculture

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The work of the department is carried on under a number of branches, each staffed with men and women having special training and experience.

The Field Crops Branch has four divisions, all concerned with better crops and the improvement of cropping methods. These are:

1. Crop improvement: This division assembles and distributes information about crops and varieties of seed. Special emphasis is placed on forage crops. The use of better seed is encouraged and contributions are made toward the cost of municipal seed cleaning plants.

2. Weed Control and Soil Conservation: Working closely with the Agricultural Service Boards, this division strives for increased returns to the farmer through better land use.



3. Horticulture: This division includes the provincial horticultural station at Brooks and a forestry nursery station at Oliver. Information on trees, fruits, flowers, lawns and vegetables is provided, and improvement of some grounds encouraged. A tree planting program with an objective of 100,000,000 trees is well underway.

4. Crop Protection: This division seeks to control pests and diseases. Information is distributed, and active campaigns for the control of field crop insects, rat migration and livestock predators waged.

The Agricultural Extension Service Branch, through the preparation and distribution of useful information, helps farmers to improve the effectiveness of their operations. To this end the branch employs 47 district agriculturists, 16 district home economists, a staff of supervisors as well as specialists in agricultural engineering, nutrition and home design. Many thousands of public meetings, home visits and office interviews are held each year. Agricultural statistics are compiled, and Farm Family program honoring outstanding families in five sections of the province is conducted by the branch.

The Radio and Information Branch is responsible for the radio program "Call of the Land." Information of agricultural interest is broadcast Monday through Friday from six Alberta radio stations, and printed releases are prepared and distributed weekly to the farm press and others.

The Poultry Branch is concerned with their poultry enterprises. Flocks supplying eggs to hatcheries are tested and an experimental breeder farm is operated at Oliver.

The Apiculture Branch is concerned with the promotion and efficiency of bee-keeping.

Schools of Agriculture and Home Economics are operated by the department at Olds, Vermilion and Fairview. Practical two year courses in agriculture are offered to boys and in home economics to girls. Courses start in October and continue until early April.

The Veterinary Services Branch seeks to reduce disease losses to the livestock and poultry industries to this end maintaining a modern laboratory for diagnostic services.

The Livestock Branch promotes better breeding in cattle, sheep and swine through the greater use of purebred sires, and encourages improvement generally through recommended feeding and management practices.

The Dairy Branch is concerned with improvement of the dairy industry from the raw to the finished product. As well as directing attention to production on the farm, this branch is responsible for dairy factory and frozen food locker plant inspections.

The Fur Farm Branch provides Alberta's 900 fur farmers with information and assistance designed to improve quality, reduce diseases and generally to increase efficiency in the production of ranch furs.

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